

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. UAR-Syria

a. Positions are hardening on both sides of the Nasir-Baath dispute.

b. The Baath party is moving its members into key positions in both the army and the internal security forces to prevent a pro-union coup.

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e. Ambassador Kohler has obtained from the Turks some interesting information on the Soviet attitude toward all of this which we are enclosing as a document of interest.

2. Indonesia

a. As things now stand Caltex and Stanvac see no possibility of reaching a satisfactory agreement with Indonesia before the 15 June deadline. They are getting ready to withdraw their personnel and dependents.

b. Ambassador Jones has been instructed to see Sukarno as soon as possible.

c. Peiping has finally publicly acknowledged the anti-Chinese outbreaks in Indonesia. Our Djakarta embassy has received information, however, that Peiping plans no official protest. The Chinese apparently learned a lesson in 1959, when the heavy-handed intervention on behalf of Overseas Chinese in Djakarta brought damage to their prestige.

3. Haiti

a. The OAS commission completed its work in Port-au-Prince and returned to Washington yesterday.

b. The Commission's final report may not indict either Haiti or Dominican Republic, but could stimulate broader OAS consideration of the character of Duvalier's dictatorship and the international tension generated by it.

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4. Cuba

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d. Friday and Saturday's aerial reconnaissance showed no significant change at major Soviet and Cuban installations.

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- B. South Vietnam Further Buddhist demonstrations are planned for 21 and 23 May. The occasion is the requiem services for those killed in Hue on 8 May. The government is readying precautionary measures, but anti-government groups may try to exploit the situation.

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